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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO OTTAWA OCT. 14-15: POSSIBLE
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR PRESS CONFERENCE

1. FOLLOWING ARE POSSIBLE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WHICH MIGHT
BE ASKED OF SECRETARY AT PRESS CONFERENCE DURING HIS VISIT
TO OTTAWA. THEY FOCUS ON US-CANADIAN BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP
ALTHOUGH SECRETARY SHOULD ANTICIPATE MANY PRESS INQUIREIES
ON OTHER SUBJECTS, SUCH AS SALT TALKS, MID-EAST ACCORD,
PEACEKEEPING AND ROLE OF CANADIAN MILITARY IN THESE FORCES,
RECOGNITION OF CUBA, WESTERN PERSPECTIVES REGARDING CSCE
AGREEMENT, CHANCES FOR SUCCESS IN MBFR TALKS, ATTITUDE
OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TOWARDS THSE TALKS, AN US-SOVIET
WHEAT DEALS AND WHETHER THSES MIGHT HAVE SOME EFFECT ON
CANADIAN-SOVIET WHEAT DEALS. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ARE
PROVIDED UNDER POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC HEADINGS:

POLITICAL

Q. CANADA'S EAST COAST FISHERIES HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY
DEPLETED BY FOREIGN (PRIMARILY SOVIET) FISHING VESSELS.
THERE IS CONSIDERABLE PRESSUR TO HAVE CANADA EXTEND
UNILATERALLY ITS JURISDICTION TO 200 MILES EVEN THOUGH
CANADA HAS RECENTLY NEGOTIATED A SETTLEMENT OF ITS
DISPUTE WITH THE USSR AND IS QUITE CONTENT WITH THE
OUTCOME OF THE RECENT ICNAF MEETING. DOES THE US
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INTEND TO EXTEND ITS JURISDICTION UNILATERALLY TO 200

MILES OFFSHORE?

A. - AS I SAID IN MY SPEECH IN MONTREAL LAST AUGUST, THE US WOULD PREFER TO SEE INTERNATIONAL ACTION WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. THE ADMINISTRATION OPPOSES EFFORTS IN THE US CONGRESS TO EXTEND OUR JURISDICTION UNILATERALLY. WE HAVE ALREADY NEGOTIATED BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH CERTAIN COUNTRIES ON CERTAIN SUBJECTS, SUCH AS OUR AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF ITS FISHING FLEET OFF OUR COAST LINE, AND IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT THE US MAY BE COMPELLED TO NEGOTIATE OTHER BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ON THE EXTENSION OF OUR JURISDICTION. WHILE WE WOULD NOT BE HAPPY WITH SUCH A NECESSITY IT WOULD STILL BE BETTER THAN UNILATERAL DECLARATION (EMBASSY NOTE: WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS FAST BREAKING SUBJECT IN US CONGRESS AND IN DEPARTMENT AND SUGGEST THAT THIS INFORMATION BE UPDATED APPROPRIATELY.)

Q.- THE US BREAU OF RECLAMATION IS BUILDING THE GARRISON DIVERSION IRRIGATION PROJECT IN NORTH DAKOTA. WHY DOES THE US PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT EVEN THOUGH AS ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED IT WOULD CONSIDERABLY ALTER THE QUALITY OF WATER FLOWING ACROSS THE BORDER IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE 1909 BOUNDARY WATERS TREATY?

A. WE HAVE GIVEN THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ASSURANCE THAT THE GARRISON PROJECT WILL NOT DAMAGE HEALTH OR PROPERTY ON THE CANADIAN SIDE AS REQUIRED BY THAT TREATY. THE PROJECT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE US GOVERNMENT AND HAS BEEN FUNDED BY THE US CONGRESS, AND WE ARE WORKING WITH THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ON A REFERENCE OF THE TRANS-BOUNDARY EFFECTS OF THE PROJECT TO THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE REFERENCE SHOULD GO FORWARD SHORTLY.

Q. -WHAT IS THE POSITION OF THE US GOVERNMENT RE QUEBEC BECOMING AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY?

A. -THIS IS A DOMESTIC MATTER INAPPROPRIATE FOR AN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OUTSIDER'S COMMENT. THE USG MAINTAINS CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH CANADA.

Q. -THE PITTSTON COMPANY HOPES TO BUILD A 250,000-BARREL-A-DAY REFINERY IN EASTPORT, MAINE. SUPERTANKERS DESTINED FOR THE REFINERY WOULD HAVE TO PASS THROUGH CANADIAN WATERS AND CANADA HAS INDICATED IT HAS NO INTENTION OF ALLOWING SUCH TRAFFIC. WHAT IS THE POSITION OF USG ON

THIS MATTER?

A.- THE US FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET TAKEN AN OFFICIAL POSITION ON THE PROJECT SINCE THE PITTSTON COMPANY HAS NOT COMPLETED ALL OF ITS FORMAL APPLICATION PROCEDURES. HOWEVER, I MIGHT POINT OUT THAT THE STATE OF MAINE ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD CONCLUDED AFTER 2 1/2 YEARS OF STUDY THAT THE PROJECT COULD BE UNDERTAKEN WITH MINIMAL ENVIRONMENTAL RISK; IT ALSO SAID THE PITTSTON COMPANY WOULD NEED TO SEEK CANADIAN CONCURRENCE.

Q. CANADA HAS COME UNDER CONSIDERABLE CRITICISM FOR CONSIDERING ALTERING ITS CONTRIBUTION TO NATO. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF CANADA'S GENERAL DEFENSE POSTURE?

A.- I UNDERSTAND THAT CANADA IS CURRENTLY UNDERTAKING A DEFENSE REVIEW AND HAS ALREADY CONSULTED WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER ON THE SUBJECT. WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR VIEWS ABOUT ANY DIMINUTION OF CANADA'S CONTRIBUTION TO NATO AND HAVE BEEN REASSURED THAT CANADA WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE NATO WITH A FULL COMPLEMENT OF WELL-EQUIPPED FORCES.

Q.- ARE YOU OR PRESIDENT FORD PLANNING TO COME TO THE OLYMPICS NEXT YEAR?

A.- IF POSSIBLE, HE AND I WOULD SURELY WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY.

Q.- DO YOU EXPECT ANY PROBLEMS SUCH AS OCCURRED IN MUNICH?

A.- NO. I AM SURE THAT CANADIAN SECURITY FORCES WILL TAKE ALL NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS.
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Q.- DOES THE U.S. INTEND EVENTUALLY TO ACCEPT GENERAL DAN VAN QUANG?

A.- I CANNOT PREDICT THE OUTCOME. GENERAL QUANG'S APPLICATION FOR AN IMMIGRANT VISA IS UNDER REVIEW.

Q.- IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT THE IJC SHOULD BE GIVEN A GREATER ROLE IN US-CANADIAN RELATIONS AND BE PROVIDED WITH BETTER FUNDING BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. WHAT IS YOUR VIEW?

A. THE IJC ALREADY HAS A FULL PLATE OF RESPONSIBILITIES. THERE MAY AT TIMES BE FUNDING PROBLEMS BUT THE USG IS ALWAYS SEEKING WAYS TO LIGHTEN THE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF THE

IJC.

Q.- THE US SENATE IS ATTEMPTING TO DIVERT CLEANUP FUNDS FROM THE GREAT LAKES TO OTHER PARTS OF THE US. IS THE US RENEGING ON ITS COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE THE WATER QUALITY OF THE GREAT LAKES,

A.- THE US CONTINUES TO ADHERE TO THE TERMS OF THE GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY AGREEMENT DESPITE SOME UNAVOIDABLE SLIPPAGE IN THE SCHEDULE AND IS OF THE VIEW THAT THE FUNDING PROVIDED HAS BEEN ADEQUATE TO THE TASK AND HAS BEEN CONSISTENT WITH THE ABILITY OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO ABSORB SUCH FUNDS. HOWEVER, I DO NOT CONCUR IN THE SENATE ACTION AND OPPOSE A SHIFTING OF FUNDS AT THIS TIME AWAY FROM THE GREAT LAKES.

Q.- DO US NUCLEAR SUBMARINES TRANSIT THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE?

A.- THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT IS CONSULTED ON ANY MOVEMENTS OF US MILITARY SHIPS THROUGH CANADIAN WATERS.

Q.- THE US IS PROCEEDING WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRIDENT BASE IN THE PUGET SOUND AREA. WON'T THIS POLLUTE THE SOUND AND MAKE CANADA AN INNOCENT SUFFERER OF ANY ATTACK UPON THE BASE BY ENEMY FORCES?

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A.- ALL PRECAUTIONS POSSIBLE ARE BEING TAKEN TO AVOID ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS. THE TRACK RECORD OF NUCLEAR SUBMARINES IS EXCEEDINGLY FINE IN THIS RESPECT. REGARDING THE SECOND QUESTION, THE ANSWER IS PROBABLY YES, BUT IT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THOSE WHO WOULD BE SENDING THE MISSILES. OF COURSE, THE REAL POINT IS THAT THE TRIDENT, AS A VIRTUALLY INDESTRUCTABLE WEAPON, PROVIDES THAT MUCH MORE SECURITY AGAINST ANY POSSIBLE ENEMY ATTACK.

ECONOMIC

Q. A CANADIAN NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD REPORT OF OCTOBER 1974 REVEALED THAT PETROLEUM RESERVES WERE RAPIDLY DECLINING AND REQUIRING A RELATIVELY FAST PHASE-OUT OF EXPORTS TO THE US BY 1983. OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED TO FACILITATE OIL EXCHANGE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN REFINERIES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER TO REDUCE SUPPLY AND TRANSPORTATION COSTS AND OTHER DIFFICULTIES FOR THE NORTHERN TIER STATES. WHAT IS YOUR VIEW ABOUT THE GOC'S DECISION TO PHASE OUT OIL EXPORTS?

A.- WE REGRET THAT CANADIAN EXPLORATION AND DEVELOP-

MENT ACTIVITIES IN RECENT YEARS HAVE NOT SIGNIFICANTLY
IMPROVED CANADA'S DECLINING RESERVE POSITION. CANADIAN

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EXPORT REDUCTIONS WILL ULTIMATELY HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT
ON CERTAIN US REFINERIES WHICH ARE DEPENDENT ON
CANADIAN SOURCES OF SUPPLY. WE APPRECIATE THE
CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S RECOGNITION OF THE PROBLEMS
FACING THESE SPECIFIC US REFINERIES AND HOPE THAT A
PHASE-OUT CAN BE ARRANGED SO AS TO MINIMIZE THE
ECONOMIC IMPACT.

Q.- CANDA IMPOSED AN OIL EXPORT TAX TO EQUALIZE THE
PRICE OF CANADIAN CRUDE IN CHIKAGO WITH OTHER OFFHSORE
OIL. WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS ON THIS EXPORT TAX?

A.- THE EXPORT TAX AND THE CANADIAN SUBSIDY PROGRAM
FOR ITS IMPORT-DEPENDENT CONSUMERS ON THE CANADIAN
EAST COAST HAVE CREATED PROBLEMS FOR THE US. WHILE
WE FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CANDIAN RATIONALE FOR THE
TAX, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE SYSTEM RESULTS IN US
CONSUMERS FINANCING CANADIAN ENERGY CONSUMPTION. WE
ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE TRADE DISTORTIONS LIKELY
TO DEVELOP IF CANADA OVER THE LONG RUN MAINTAINS

ARTIFICIALLY LOWER PRICES FOR OIL. FROM THIS VIEWPOINT,
WE WELCOMED THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO MOVE TOWARDS
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WORLD OIL PRICE LEVELS AS OF JULY 1.

Q.- A CANADIAN NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD REPORT PAINTS A
VERY GLOOMY PICTURE OF CANADIAN GAS RESERVES.
THIS WILL PROBABLY REQUIRE A CURTAILMENT OF NATURAL
GAS EXPORTS TO THE US. WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO THE
NEB REPORT?

A.- WE REGRET THAT THE BOARD HAS FOUND THAT CANADIA,
SUPPLIES ARE LESS THAN ANTICIPATED. WE APPRECIATE THE
CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO CONSULT FULLY WITH
US ON THE NATURAL GAS SUPPLY SITUATION BEFORE FINAL
POLICY DECISIONS ARE TAKEN. WE HOPE THAT ANY SHORTFALLS
IN SUPPLY WILL NOT FALL SOLELY ON THE US, YOUR ONLY
EXPORT CUSTOMER. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY GOC STATEMENTS
THAT CANADA EXPECTS TO MEET ITS FULL EXPORT COMMITMENTS
FOR NATURAL GAS TO THE US IN THE COMING WINTER SEASON.

Q.- THERE ARE SEVERAL PROPOSALS TO BUILD A NATURAL GAS
PIPELINE EITHER THROUGH THE MACKENZIE VALLEY OR
THROUGH ALASKA. WHAT IS YOUR VIEW OF THESE ALTERNATIVE
ROUTES?

A.- THE PROPOSALS ARE BEFORE THE APPROPRIATE REGULATORY
BODIES IN BOTH COUNTRIES. IT WOULD, THEREFORE, BE INAPPROPRIATE
FOR ME TO COMMENT ON THEIR RESPECTIVE MERITS UNTIL SUCH
TIME AS THE REGULATORY BODIES MAKE THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS
TO GOVERNMENTS.

Q.- WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE US-CANADA PIPELINE TREATY
NEGOTIATIONS?

A.- OFFICIALS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS HAVE MET SEVERAL
TIMES DURING THE PAST YEAR TO DISCUSS THE MODALITIES
OF A POSSIBLE PIPELINE TREATY AND CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS
HAS BEEN MADE IN PRODUCING A DRAFT AGREEMENT.

Q.- IN RECENT MONTHS THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL WELL-
PUBLICIZED BILATERAL TRADE PROBLEMS ARISING IN LARGE
PART FROM CANADA'S ATTEMPTS TO INSULATE ITS AGRICULTURAL
MARKETS (BEEF, EGGS, TURKEYS) FROM FOREIGN COMPETITION.
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WHAT IS YOUR VIEW ON THESE TRADE ISSUES?

A.- THE US CANNOT STAND IDLY BY WHEN ITS TRADE INTEESTS ARE DAMAGED BY ACTIONS OF ANOTHER GOVERNMENT. WE BELIEVE HOWEVER, THAT DIALOGUE AND CONSULTATION CAN DO MUCH TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDING AND MINIMIZE PROBLEMS. OFFICIALS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN MEETING REGULARLY TO DISCUSS OUTSTANDING TRADE ISSUES AND WE ARE HOPFUL THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO FIND MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTIONS.

Q.- ARE THE US AND CANADA DISCUSSING OR NEGOTIATING CHANGES IN THE US-CANADA AUTO PACT?

A.- THERE ARE NO NEGOTIATIONS IN PROCESS ON THE AUTO PACT. IT WAS NEVER INTENDED THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD RESULT IN A YEARLY BALANCE IN AUTOMOTIVE TRADE. THE AGREEMENT HAS SERVED BOTH COUNTRIES WELL BY EXPANDING TWO-WAY TRADE FROM \$700 MILLION IN 1964 TO SOME \$12 BILLION IN 1974.

Q.- WHAT IS YOUR VIEW OF THE ANTI-DUMPING AND AUTO PACT INVESTIGATIONS?

A.- THESE ACTIONS HAVE BEEN INITIATED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN KEEPING WITH OUR NEW TRADE REFORM ACT. THEY WILL BE NADLED FAIRLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOTH OUR DOMESTIC LAWS AND IN TERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS. IT IS OUR POLICY TO CONSULT FULLY WITH OUR TRADING PARTNERS TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDING AND OVERREACTION.

Q.- WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO THE CANADIAN POLICY OF SCREENING FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN CANADA?

A.- THE USG BELIEVES THAT GOVERNMENT IMPEDIMENTS TO FOREIGN INVESTMENT SHOULD BE MINIMIZED; NEVERTHELESS, WE RECOGNIZE CANDA'S RIGHT TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR NEW INVESTMENT ON THE BASIS OF SIGNIFICANT BENEFIT TO CANADA. WE WOULD BE CONCERNED IF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUIDELINES RESULTED IN DISCRIMINATION AGAINST US INVESTORS; HOWEVER, WE ASSUME THAT GOC DECISIONS ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEW US INVESTMENT IN CANADA WILL BE FAIR AND EQUITABLE.

Q. - IS CANADA "LAGGING" THE US AND OTHER OIL CONSUMER COUNTRIES IN WILLINGNESS TO COME TO TERMS OVER AN IEA PACKAGE AGREEMENT AND IS THE USG UNHAPPY OVER CANADA'S PRUPORTED ATTITUDE?

A.- THE US IS URGING ALL IEA MEMBERS TO AGREE ON CREDIBLE COOPERATIVE ENERGY EFFORT AT THE EARLIEST TIME TO INSURE PROTECTIVE EFFORTS AGAINST FUTURE OPEC OIL EMBARGOES AND TO DEVELOP ALTERNATE ENERGY SOURCES LEADING TO REDUCED IMPORT DEPENDENCY IN THE LONGER TERM. EACH IEA MEMBER WILL HAVE TO ASSESS IEA UNDERTAKINGS IN LIGHT OF ITS OWN NATIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT THE DEGREE OF COOPERATION ALREADY ACHIEVED IS QUITE REMARKABLE AND WE ARE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR ADDITIONAL PROGRESS TOWARD MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE UNDERSTANDINGS. (NOTE: EMBASSY IS UNAWARE OF DEPARTMENT'S CURRENT VIEWS AND ATTITUDES ON CANADA'S POSITION IN THE IEA BUT SEES LITTLE TO GAIN FROM PUBLIC CRITICISM OF THE GOC'S POSITION AT THIS STAGE.)

Q.- WHAT IS THE US VIEW OF THE FRENCH PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT A URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT IN QUEBEC?

A.- WE CONSIDER THIS TO BE A MATTER TO BE DECIDED BY CANADA. WE IN THE US ANTICIPATE A GREATLY INCREASED DEMAND FOR ENRICHED URANIUM BY THE END OF THIS CENTURY. THIS WILL REQUIRE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL ENRICHMENT PLANTS. WE HAVE DECIDED TO INVOLVE THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THIS FIELD.

Q.- WOULD YOU CARE TO COMMENT ABOUT ERDA/AECL DISCUSSIONS AND REVIEW OF THE CANDU NUCLEAR REACTOR TO SEE WHAT THE POSSIBILITIES MIGHT BE OF INTRODUCING CANDU REACTORS INTO THE US?

A.- IN THESE DAYS OF ENERGY SHORTAGES, WE ARE EXAMINING ALL POSSIBLE SOURCES OF SUPPLY. AS WE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH CANADA ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE CANDU, IT IS ONLY NATURAL THAT WE SHOULD LOOK CLOSELY AT THIS SOURCE.

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Q.- PARLIAMENT IS CONSIDERING LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE TAX EXEMPTION FOR ADVERTISING IN TIME AND READERS DIGEST UNLESS THEY BECOME 75 PERCENT CANADIAN OWNED AND PUBLISHED DISTINCTIVELY CANADIAN PERIODICALS. DENIAL OF TAX DEDUCTIONS WILL GREATLY INCREASE THE COST OF ADVERTISING IN TIME AND READERS DIGEST, AND THEY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO PUBLISH THEIR CANADIAN EDITIONS. WHAT ARE YOUR VIEW OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S ATTEMPTS TO "FORCE" TIME AND READERS DIGEST OUT OF CANADA?

A.- THIS IS A QUESTION OF LEGISLATION THAT WOULD AFFECT THE TAX TREATMENT OF CANADIAN ADVERTISERS. NONE OF THE

PARTIES HAS ASKED THE USG TO INVOLVE ITSELF IN THE
MATTER AND WE HAVE NOT DONE SO, ALTHOUGH OF COURSE WE
WATCH CLOSELY DEVELOPMENTS WHICH MIGHT ADVERSELY AFFECT
US BUSINESS INTERESTS.

Q.- CANADIAN RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMISSION HAS REQUIRED
DELETION OF COMMERCIALS WHEN THE SIGNALS OF US TV STATIONS
ARE RELAYED BY CANADIAN CABLE TV SYSTEMS. THIS ACTION
APPEARS TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE GOC; WOULD YOU CARE
TO EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT?

Q.- THIS IS A MATTER OF CONCERN AND I HOPE IT WILL
BE POSSIBLE FOR THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO SIT DOWN AND
TALK ABOUT IT.
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